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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY

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[11](#). SUBJECT: This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for November 6, 2003. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

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[12](#). Hurriyet, Turkiye, Milli Gazete / In Bingol, a group of alleged KADEK terrorists fired on the patrolling soldiers on November 5. During the clash, two terrorists and one soldier were killed and 2 soldiers were wounded. Turkiye and Milli Gazete report that two alleged terrorists were also killed in Almus, Tokat province.

[13](#). Hurriyet, Zaman, Ozgur Gundem / The Batman Kurdish language Course, after complying with the rules of the private language schools, started accepting applications. Approximately 150 people applied for the course.

[14](#). Bolge / Scott Reid, the U.S. Consul in Adana, visited the Gaziantep Chamber of Industry (CoI) yesterday and met with CoI Head Nejat Kocer.

[15](#). Ozgur Gundem / Tarsus security chief Necdet Ozturk allegedly threatened DEHAP members in his office with cutting their heads off if DEHAP organized a press conference in Tarsus. DEHAP members wrote a complaint letter about the incident to the Interior Ministry.

[16](#). Ozgur Gundem / In the Batman M-type prison, prisoners applied to the officials to change their names. Many people in Dogubeyazit and Ceyhan also applied to change their Turkish names into Kurdish names.

[17](#). Ozgur Gundem / Two Ozgur Gundem distributors in Siirt allegedly were threatened by the police and warned to stop the distribution of the paper. Police detained one of the distributors without charging the distributor with any crime.

[18](#). Turkiye / Iraq returned kerosene (approximately 7,000 tons) exported by Petrol Ofisi and Delta petrol from Dortyol and Iskenderun, Hatay province, because the exported kerosene did not comply with the international standards. Iskenderun Petrol Association denounced the incident as scandalous.

[19](#). Turkiye / In Caldiran, Van province, jandarma found 13 Pakistanis who entered Turkey without any legal documents. After the questioning officials will forward the case to the court.

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